

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Textile Industry has also decided to prepare an Action Plan in this regard;

(d) if so, the details of the proposed Action Plan; and

(e) to what extent these measures are likely to help to achieve the export growth rate of 20% set by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA) : (a) to (e) In order to finalise the export targets for 1998-99, the Textiles Export Promotion Councils were requested to submit their proposals. The proposals received from them were discussed in a meeting Chaired by Minister (Textiles) where the representatives of the Textiles Export Promotion Councils were also present.

An export target of US \$ 14,275 millions, has been fixed for 1998-99, as per details given below, which is approximately 15% higher than the achievement during the last year:

Item	Target for 1998-99 In Million US \$
Readymade Garment	5900
Cotton Textiles	4175
Man-made textiles	1200
Silk textiles	300
Woollen textiles	365
Handicrafts	2035
Jute	230
Coir	70

In order to boost the exports of textiles, Government have requested all the Export Promotion Councils to draw up suitable plans. Government also have been taking a number of steps, which include encouraging exporters to participate in buyer-seller meets; fairs and exhibitions; enabling import of capital goods at concessional duty for export production; special arrangements for duty free import of raw materials for export production; ensuring increased availability of export credit etc.

It is expected that the overall textile exports targets fixed for 1998-99 would be achieved.

#### **Norms to Regulate the Foreign Aid**

2782. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been several problems and hiccups being faced by the Government in handling the foreign aid and assistance presently;

(b) if so, whether the Government are considering to evolve some transparent norms to regulate the foreign aid; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### **Heavy Industries**

2783. SHRI S. S. OWAISI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assessment has been made of the total production in the heavy industries sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the share of heavy industries in the total exports of the country;

(d) the average number of persons employed in such industries during the last three years alongwith the details of capital investment therein by the end of March, 1998; and

(e) the number of said industrial units functioning at present in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) and (b) The value of production of the 48 Public Sector Undertakings under Department of Heavy Industry was Rs. 10559 crores and Rs. 11044 crores in 1996-97 and 1997-98 (Provisional) respectively.

(c) The total export earnings of these enterprises during 1997-98 was Rs. 1641 crores constituting 1.4% of the total exports.

(d) and (e) The number of regular employees in these enterprises during the last three years are given below :

31.3.95	210951
31.3.96	201080
31.3.97	192737

The capital investment (gross block) as on 31.3.97 was Rs. 6611 crores in the above 48 units.

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#### **Production/Supply of 'C' and 'D' grade coal**

2784. PROF. RITA VERMA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the total quantity of "C" and "D" grade coal produced, by different coal companies during 1996-97 and 1997-98, company-wise;